

MAKING WAVES

TULUM, MEXICO

WHY GO?

Tulum is more adventurous than Indiana Jones in a wetsuit: a Pre-Columbian Maya city with its own beach, secret cenotes, Caribbean castles, jungles teeming with wildlife and waters that house huge – but blessedly benign – whale sharks.

THE TOP FIVE



Visiting the Tulum ruins



Tasting fish tacos



Sun saluting in a treetop yoga session



Shorkelling in San Actun Cenote



Day-trip to Laguna Bacalar

WHERE TO STAY

Kick things off with ice-cold caipirinhas at **Be Tulum's** Beach Club, then turn up the volume at **Papaya Playa**. Life's a little more languid at the **Beach Tulum** – a two-pool paradise on milk-white sand – and **Coqui Coqui**, a model-owned hideaway with a dangerously tempting boutique. Unwind at eco-chic **Coral Tulum**, or try yoga at laid-back **Las Ranitas**.

Bohemian rhapsody



Be Tulum

Hedonistic hippie retreat

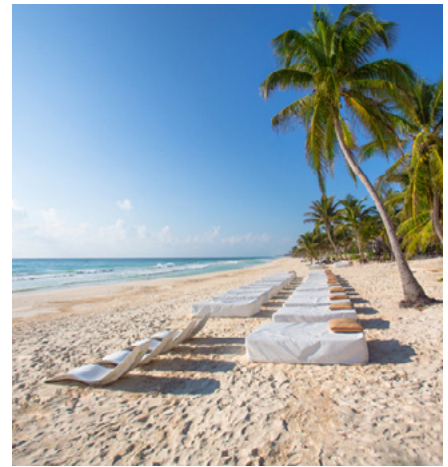
Don't miss tree-top yoga classes



Papaya Playa

Palapa-thatched cabanas

Don't miss the spa's sweat lodge



The Beach Tulum

White-sand seductress

Don't miss a tequila tasting

Eco-conscious indulgence



Las Ranitas

Oceanfront indulgence

Don't miss blue-turtle spotting



Coqui Coqui Tulum

Eco pile by Papolchac's pyramids

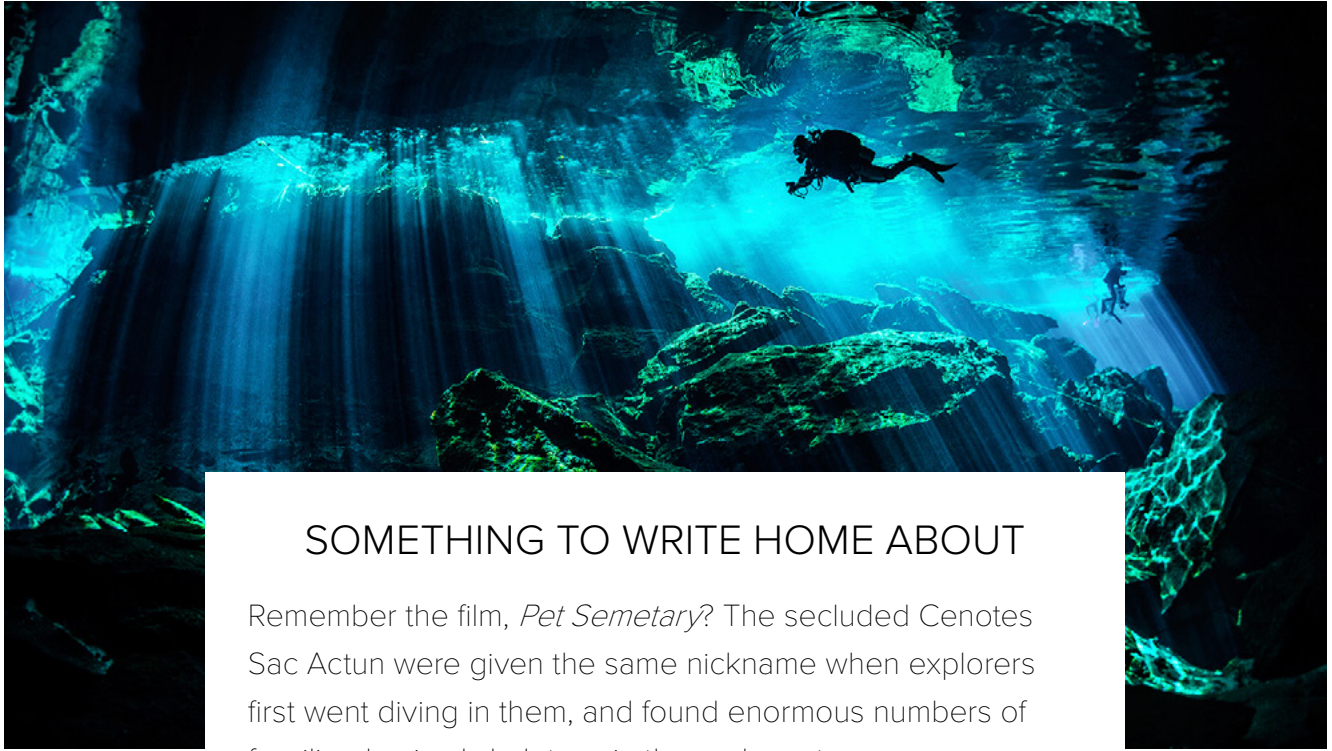
Don't miss a trip to the ruins



Coral Tulum

Sweet suite love on Tulum beach

Don't miss a kip in your hammock



SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

Remember the film, *Pet Semetary*? The secluded Cenotes Sac Actun were given the same nickname when explorers first went diving in them, and found enormous numbers of fossilised animal skeletons in the underwater caves.

WHEN TO GO

Head to this eco-haven any time except July-September (hurricane season). December and January are the best months for shaking your hips on the beach with some of the best parties.

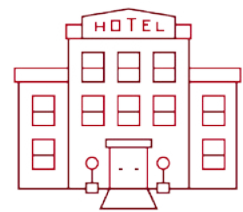
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